REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 remain in the application and claim 1 has been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Kawano et al. and of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Kawano et al.

The present invention relates to a network system connecting a plurality of different types of user terminals, e.g. a TV, a PC, a cellphone, etc. to a server. Each of the plurality of different types of user terminals has associated therewith terminal type attributes and media type attributes such as high resolution, low resolution, voice, etc. See Figs. 2 and 5 of the present application, for example.

Features of the server (22 in Fig. 8) according to the present invention are a media conversion unit (22 E in Fig. 8) for converting message information (e.g. e-mails) addressed to an authenticated user from a first data format (D24 in Fig. 8) incompatible with the type of terminal device, e.g. a high resolution format, to a second data format (D26 in Fig. 8) compatible with the type of terminal device, e.g. a low resolution format, based on the terminal type and media type attributes of the terminal device being used by the user. See Fig. 8 and page 17, lines 4-9 of the present application, for example.

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Independent claim 1 has been amended to emphasize these features of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that Kawano et al. fails to show or suggest means for converting message information from a first data format incompatible with the type of terminal device being used by the user to a second compatible data format based on terminal and media type attributes associated with the terminal.

Kawano et al. is merely teaching a method for integrating requested pieces of information from a variety of providing services using a service mediate server and delivering the requested information to a service request client. See Fig. 1, Fig. 10, and col. 12, lines 7-14 of Kawano et al., for example. No means for converting message information to a data format compatible with the terminal based on terminal and media type attributes associated with the terminal is taught by Kawano et al.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1, and claim 3 depending therefrom, are patentable distinct over Kawano et al.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of

this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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